

Small Decrease in Cattle Inventory

Wisconsin's July 1 cattle inventory experienced a small decrease. Total cattle and calves declined to 3.55 million head, down 50,000 from one year ago. The 2004 beef cow numbers climbed from 255,000 to 260,000, a 2 percent increase over last year. Milk cow inventory, as of July 1, 2004, decreased 1 percent over the past year, from 1.26 million to 1.24 million head. The calf crop was also slightly down. The calf crop totaled 1.35 million in 2003 and 1.34 million in 2004.

Total U.S. cattle inventory decreased 300,000, to 104 million head. Beef cow numbers declined to 33.5 million head. Beef cow replacements was the only category with increasing inventory, up 4 percent to 4.80 million head. Milk cow inventory was down 100,000 head from one year ago, to 9.00 million head. Replacement milk cows remained unchanged from last year at 3.60 million head. U.S. cattle on feed inventory was down 10,000 from last July to 11.8 million head.

Cattle and Calves — July 1, Wisconsin and U.S.

Class	Wisconsin		United States	
	2004	Change	2004	Change
	1,000 hd	Percent	1,000 hd	Percent
All cattle and calves	3,550	-1	103,600	n.c.
All cows	1,500	-1	42,500	n.c.
Beef cows	260	2	33,500	n.c.
Milk cows	1,240	-1	9,000	-1
Heifers 500 lbs & over	n.a.	n.a.	15,950	n.c.
For beef cow replacement	n.a.	n.a.	4,800	4
For milk cow replacement	n.a.	n.a.	3,600	n.c.
Other heifers	n.a.	n.a.	7,550	-2
Steers 500 lbs & over	n.a.	n.a.	14,200	n.c.
Bulls 500 lbs & over	n.a.	n.a.	2,050	-2
Calves under 500 lbs	n.a.	n.a.	28,900	n.c.
Calf crop	1,340	-1	37,700	-1
Cattle on feed	n.a.	n.a.	11,800	n.c.

Source: Wisconsin Agricultural Statistics Service.